

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

WASTE 2 RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

-- OPERATING PRINCIPLES --

Good public policy requires the involvement and participation of interested persons. The Washington State Department of Ecology believes successful implementation of solid waste laws and the state's Beyond Waste Plan is dependent on the advice and counsel of a variety of stakeholders including local government officials, citizens and representatives of the business community. To ensure committed participation, Ecology is establishing an advisory committee to meet and discuss waste issues impacting Washington's citizens and the environment.

Functions and Duties of the Committee

The Committee shall perform the following major functions:

1. Serve as an advisor to Ecology to promote the safe and orderly management of solid waste within the state.
2. Review and make recommendations about policy-level issues and questions.
3. Review/analyze work, and discuss proposed regulations, projects and state plans.
4. Provide information to constituent groups about Ecology's activities.
5. Assist Ecology in identifying potential new policy issues.
6. Form ad hoc committees to study specific problems or projects, and make recommendations for action.

Composition of the Committee

The committee will be comprised of persons who represent the interests of the public, local and state government, agriculture, industry, public health, solid waste collection companies, and resource recovery companies.

Meeting Frequency

1. Meetings will be held as determined by Ecology. Agendas will be distributed, and proceedings of each meeting will be recorded and published in the form of a Meeting Summary.
2. All meetings are open to the public.
3. Ecology will ask one member of the committee to co-chair the meetings.
4. Ecology will ask for and consider all advice given by the committee before acting on adoption of regulations or policies.